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By Senators Bauer, Wood, Sheldon, Kohl and Rasmussen; by request of
Higher Education Coordinating Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to the future teachers conditional scholarship
2 program; amending RCW 28B.102.020, 28B.102.060, and 28B.102.900;
3 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.102.020 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 36 are each amended
6 to read as follows:

7 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
8 this section apply throughout this chapter.

9 (1) "Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in
10 whole or in part if the recipient renders service as a teacher in (~~the~~
11 ~~public schools of~~) an approved education program in this state.

12 (2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a
13 college or university in the state of Washington which is accredited by
14 an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the higher
15 education coordinating board.

16 (3) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

17 (4) "Eligible student" means a student who is registered for at
18 least ten credit hours or the equivalent, demonstrates achievement of
19 at least a 3.30 grade point average for students entering an

1 institution of higher education directly from high school or maintains
2 at least a 3.00 grade point average or the equivalent for each academic
3 year in an institution of higher education, is a resident student as
4 defined by RCW 28B.15.012 and 28B.15.013, and has a declared intention
5 to complete an approved preparation program leading to initial teacher
6 certification or required for earning an additional endorsement, or a
7 college or university graduate who meets the same credit hour
8 requirements and is seeking an additional teaching endorsement or
9 initial teacher certification. Resident students defined in RCW
10 28B.15.012(2)(e) are not eligible students under this chapter.

11 (5) "Public school" means an elementary school, a middle school,
12 junior high school, or high school within the public school system
13 referred to in Article IX of the state Constitution.

14 (6) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means to render
15 service as a teacher (~~(at a public school)~~) in an approved education
16 program in the state of Washington in lieu of monetary repayment.

17 (7) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full.

18 (8) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received a
19 conditional scholarship under this chapter.

20 (9) "Targeted ethnic minority" means a group of Americans with a
21 common ethnic or racial heritage selected by the board for program
22 consideration due to societal concerns such as high dropout rates or
23 low rates of college participation by members of the group.

24 (10) "Approved education program" means an education program in the
25 state of Washington for knowledge and skills generally learned in
26 preschool through twelfth grade, funded by the state government,
27 federal government, public schools, Indian tribes, or community
28 colleges. Approved education programs may include but are not limited
29 to:

30 (a) K-12 public schools;

31 (b) Early childhood education and assistance programs under RCW
32 28A.215.100 through 28A.215.200 or the federal head start program;

33 (c) Education centers under chapter 28A.205 RCW;

34 (d) English as a second language programs and programs leading to
35 high school graduation or the equivalency operated by community or
36 technical colleges; and

37 (e) Tribal schools in Washington approved by the federal bureau of
38 Indian affairs.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.102.060 and 1993 c 423 s 1 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) Participants in the conditional scholarship program incur an
4 obligation to repay the conditional scholarship, with interest, unless
5 they teach for (~~ten~~) two years in (~~the public schools of the state~~
6 ~~of Washington~~) an approved education program for each year of
7 scholarship received, under rules adopted by the board. This section
8 also applies to recipients of conditional scholarships awarded prior to
9 January 1, 1995.

10 (2) The interest rate shall be eight percent for the first four
11 years of repayment and ten percent beginning with the fifth year of
12 repayment.

13 (3) The period for repayment shall be ten years, with payments of
14 principal and interest accruing quarterly commencing nine months from
15 the date the participant completes or discontinues the course of study.
16 Provisions for deferral of payment shall be determined by the board.

17 (4) The entire principal and interest of each payment shall be
18 forgiven for each payment period in which the participant teaches in
19 (~~a public school~~) an approved education program until the entire
20 repayment obligation is satisfied (~~or the borrower ceases to teach at~~
21 ~~a public school in this state~~). Should the participant cease to teach
22 (~~at a public school~~) in an approved education program in this state
23 before the participant's repayment obligation is completed, payments on
24 the unsatisfied portion of the principal and interest shall begin the
25 next payment period and continue until the remainder of the
26 participant's repayment obligation is satisfied.

27 (5) The board is responsible for collection of repayments made
28 under this section and shall exercise due diligence in such collection,
29 maintaining all necessary records to insure that maximum repayments are
30 made. Collection and servicing of repayments under this section shall
31 be pursued using the full extent of the law, including wage garnishment
32 if necessary (~~, and shall be performed by entities approved for such~~
33 ~~servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty association or its~~
34 ~~successor agency~~). The board is responsible to forgive all or parts
35 of such repayments under the criteria established in this section and
36 shall maintain all necessary records of forgiven payments.

37 (6) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest or any other
38 subsidies to which the board as administrator is entitled, which are
39 paid by or on behalf of participants under this section, shall be

1 deposited with the higher education coordinating board and shall be
2 used to cover the costs of granting the conditional scholarships,
3 maintaining necessary records, and making collections under subsection
4 (5) of this section. The board shall maintain accurate records of
5 these costs, and all receipts beyond those necessary to pay such costs
6 shall be used to grant conditional scholarships to eligible students.

7 (7) The board shall temporarily or, in special circumstances,
8 permanently defer the requirements of this section for eligible
9 students as defined in RCW 28B.10.017.

10 (8) The board may cancel a recipient's repayment obligation due to
11 the recipient's total and permanent disability or death, subject to
12 documentation as required by the board.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.102.900 and 1994 c 126 s 4 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 No conditional scholarships shall be granted after June 30,
16 ((1995)) 2002.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
19 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
20 effect July 1, 1995.

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